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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ultra-Wideband / ET Docket 98-153

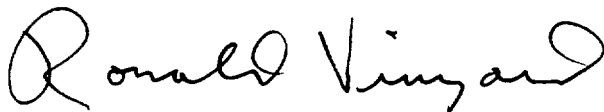
Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing this letter in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on ultra-wideband radio. As the Deputy Director of Public Safety for the fire department, it is my responsibility to provide a safe environment that will aid in securing the lives of our 65 firefighters as well as our residents, a population that exceeds 50,000.

This technology would benefit not only this department, but all entities that serve in the public safety field. It would better enable firefighters to locate victims in a smoke filled environment, as well as other disaster areas. It is my hope that ultra-wideband radio will be make accessible for use in our field.

I urge the FCC to aggressively move forward with the approval of this technology.

Sincerely,



Ronald Vinyard, Deputy Director of Public Safety/Fire
City of Berwyn

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